

Budget Survey Recomendations Posted to www.BeHeardHarrisonburg.org.

Name	Suggested Budget Item	Cost (if known)	Additional Details
Michael Harnish	Dog Park- turn half of Morrison Park in dog park - (won't go into detail- City Convention Center, which I know has been proposed before to encourage city reclamation) -(no details- continued developments on bike-ability) -giving back alleys to owners, revisit some that weren't considered ", "a lot less than the Smithland Dog Park ~10,000 for the chainlink fence and minor purchases for park",There are tons of dogs who walk by our house on Hartman Dr. because of the awesome bike path. There is already dog walking encouraged by doggie bags available on park grounds. Put up a fence and let them run a bit freer!		

Becky Johnston	Sidewalks and Trails, Recreation, Public Transportation, and Schools	unknown	<p>Sidewalks and Trails: please continue funding for increased connectivity of sidewalks, pedestrian facilities and bike lanes that assist citizens to get from home to store/work/recreation, etc. In thinking about funding trail work please consider environmental protection as well as enhancement (ie: stream restoration while building the Northend Greenway) to decrease flooding around homes, businesses and in streets. Thank you for funding the Bluestone Trail and Northend Greenway projects. Please continue to fund more of these types of facilities.</p> <p>Recreation: There is currently no park on the northside of town with space to run, though we have beautiful parks in the south and middle of town with these facilities.</p> <p>Public Transportation: JMU students benefit greatly from our city's public transportation system, however, it is not an easy system to use if you live further from JMU. Community routes tend to have low numbers of people on them. Other small cities have to have creative solutions to this problem too. An idea to help pay for this speeding and red light cameras can be installed on heavily traveled city streets. Income from these tickets can suplimit trail work, bike and pedestrian infrastructure as well as public transportation enhancements.</p> <p>Schools: teachers get a yearly raise plus cost of living expenses.</p>
Greta Ann Herin	please prioritize pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.	relatively low	
Barbara Sutmoller	Extend sidewalks on Mt. Clinton Pike to the city limits. It is quite dangerous for people walking on the road. I own property in Village Square and lived there from 1998-2013 and often saw parents with strollers and children walking along that stretch of the road. Please add sidewalks before a tragedy happens (not after). Thank you!		

Sherrie Good	Putting solar panels on some, and eventually all of the city use structures.	One building with about 20 to 25 employees could offset their energy costs by at least 50% or more for a \$30,000 investment.	Harrisonburg can be a leader in the move to clean energy by starting with a small project and then expanding. The new transit facility would be great, it has so much exposure. Once the city realizes how much they are saving making this long term investment, the move towards solar can expand. Being that Harrisonburg gets most of its electricity from coal, and coal is being mined by blowing the tops off our mountains, we should make the switch to solar now, something all citizens can be proud of. In the long term, the city will save thousands of dollars ion energy costs, and be proud of helping to save our environment.
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Tom Domonoske	We should be spending money on public building projects by looking at energy per sq. foot of various designs, including energy efficiency measures and on site energy production, computing the annual energy and maintenance costs for the different designs, and then comparing the annual cost savings to the debt servicing cost of the difference in initial cost of the designs.	For any project, if the architect or design team know from the beginning that they need to also provide the increased cost of requiring designs to include energy use per sq. ft, annual energy and maintenance costs, and the comparative annual debt servicing, then additional cost should be nominal.	The life cycle cost of a building should be used to determine how to spend our tax dollars. Whether paying for debt servicing or paying for utility or maintenance costs, the money each year comes from our budget. A higher initial capital cost for a building that results in greater cost savings in the future is a wise choice.
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Doug Hendren, MD, MBA	The cost of proposed public buildings must include not just the initial capital investment, but also the monthly operating costs. Accurate costing requires adding operating costs to monthly debt service. Failing to take future operating costs into account saddles the city taxpayers with the high operating costs of cheap buildings. Investing in energy-efficiency up front greatly reduces monthly bills, for a net lower cost to the taxpayer.	For the City Council to know the comparative costs, it simply requires requesting the design team to provide, with each design, the energy costs per square foot, annual building energy cost, and the equivalent amount of debt service this represents.	The true cost of any building is not just its construction cost, but its entire life-cycle cost. Wise investments in energy-efficient design pay off many times over the live of the building.
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Ralph Grove	A sustainability / energy coordinator position		The city needs a full-time staff member to work on conformance with the city plan and city building codes with respect to sustainability and energy use reduction. There's a huge potential for payback not only in city expenses, but also within the community in general if we can improve the way we do business and the way we use energy.
Bishop Dansby	The new middle school and conversion of Thomas Harrisonburg Middle school to an elementary school.	According to the Feb 4 report from architects Rohrbaugh and Crabtree, \$44 million.	It is important to consider cost of operation, particularly cost energy use, over the life of the school, not just initial construction cost.
Charles Strickler	Build any new school right, net zero and as energy efficient as possible.	I don't know what it would cost. But lets think long term on initial costs. We don't need another Thomas Harrison in 25 to 30 years.	Buy building it right, there should be long term savings in energy cost and maintenance. It is educational to students in learning to reduce use of fossil fuels.
Jeffrey Tang	LEED/Net Zero Middle School	Unclear. It could cost very little extra (compared to standard design) or it could cost up to 7% extra up front. Over the life of the building, the City would save substantially, however, since payback periods are often 10-15 years, and the school would be in operation for MUCH longer than that.	If proposed as a possibility by the School Board, this would feature LEED Certification (or Silver, Gold, or Platinum) or equivalent. In addition, I would like serious consideration of a Net Zero building, meaning that the building generates as much energy (on average) each year as it uses.
Jessica	Street Lighting & Sidewalks		

David Kreider	Harrisonburg International Festival Operating Expenses support to include funding for a part time Director to coordinate this exceptional event in our community so it can continue to grow and thrive.	\$9,000	The International Festival has grown into a major event that brings lots of people to Harrisonburg and brings the diverse parts of our community together. Because of the scope and complexity of this community organizing enterprise, it now needs a coordinator who can ensure that it continues to be a well run event. Given the phenomenal growth of the event, now spanning 3 days and engaging over 70 participating business and nonprofit agencies, 43 cultural groups (the most diverse in the Commonwealth according Harrisonburg City Schools website), over 220 volunteers, and multiple vendors and entertainers, it can no longer be run on the time constraints and energy of volunteers alone. This outstanding event unlike any other builds unity, social capital, and connections across all social, economic, cultural, and religious lines, and deserves our City's support as one of our community's signature events embodying the fundamental values we as citizens of this community cherish and which have defined us as "the Friendly City".
Vaunda Brown	Harrisonburg International Festival	\$9,000	The International Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park. One of the city's most popular events with attendance of 8,900 last year deserves funding to insure that is continues to be a signature event that represents our "Friendly City."
Leanna Smithberger	International Festival	\$9,000	The International Festival is such a wonderful opportunity for the diverse Harrisonburg community to gather and enjoy a day of family fun and cultural education in the beautiful setting of Hillandale Park. Harrisonburg's diversity is what makes it such a unique place to live, and the International Festival gives us a chance to celebrate, learn, and build a strong community. While the festival is always a great event, funding from the city would not only be a great show of support from the local government, but would also allow the International Festival to really grow and flourish.
Richard Yoder	International Festival support	don't know	This is an important community building event that brings a wide range of people together.

Silvia Garcia-Romero	International Festival	9000	<p>The International Festival is a wonderful opportunity for city and valley residents to come together and share the different cultures they represent. It is a time to celebrate the diversity of our community and to be united as one. With the growing diversity in our community this type of event brings people together otherwise we are all isolated in our own neighborhoods. As a resident of Harrisonburg for over 20 years I always look forward to the festival.</p>
Mokrian Kurdistani	International Festival	9000	<p>he Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg, along with First Night and Valley Fourth.</p> <p>The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic” to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities.</p> <p>Harrisonburg Tourism has built upon and extended the Festival to promote city tourism and include a week-long CommUNITY Celebration.</p> <p>The Festival is proven, valuable enough to the local population in that they both volunteer and attend, and to local businesses in that they offer support.</p> <p>Local government funding will demonstrate solid local support to the grant-makers the Festival plans to approach.</p> <p>Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to access local immigrant communities.</p> <p>The Festival fosters civic engagement, particularly important for people who 'operate from the margins.'</p> <p>The Festival facilitates mutual understanding among Harrisonburg's diverse citizenry by celebrating the best in our cultures.</p> <p>The International Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park.</p> <p>The Festival is one of the city's most popular events with attendance of 8,900 last year the International Festival deserves funding to ensure that it continues to be a signature event that represents our "Friendly City."</p>
Gleamer Sullivan	Harrisonburg International Festival	\$9,000	<p>The Harrisonburg International Festival is one of the top 3 annual events held in Harrisonburg. It is the most important because it fosters inclusion, diversity, and love for our neighbors. As an educator it is a valuable learning tool for my students. They learn first hand about other cultures and how absolutely wonderful they are.</p>

Valerie Serrels	International Festival	\$9,000	<p>I support the City funding for the International Festival. The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic” to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities.</p> <p>Harrisonburg Tourism has built upon and extended the Festival to promote city tourism and include a week-long CommUNITY Celebration.</p> <p>The Festival is proven, valuable enough to the local population in that they both volunteer and attend, and to local businesses in that they offer support.</p> <p>Local government funding will demonstrate solid local support to the grant-makers the Festival plans to approach.</p> <p>Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to access local immigrant communities.</p> <p>The Festival fosters civic engagement, particularly important for people who 'operate from the margins.'</p> <p>The Festival is one of the city's most popular events with attendance of 8,900 last year the International Festival deserves funding to ensure that it continues to be a signature event that represents our "Friendly City."</p>
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Ketissue Mae Mangiliman	The International Festival that is held every year on the last Saturday of September.	\$9,000	<p>The International Festival has been a big part of my life there in the city of Harrisonburg, VA!!! I have always enjoyed discovering the different food, arts, and cultures that make up my home town. Plus it brings my family and friends closer ever year. For example; I grew up not knowing what my Filipino heritage was at all because my parents divorced when I was just a few years old. The festival brought other Filipinos together to share our stories and comfort each other as well as educate those who were eager to learn more about our culture. The festival has also brought me energy, peace, and the opportunity to give back to our community by volunteering every year. I started out just going to the festival for entertainment, food, family and friends, then I got into volunteering which did not stop there, I then decided my time and resources because I really wanted to do more so, I became an official member of the International Festival committee and am so pleased that I did!!! Our committee is very small yet dedicated and seeing all the families and their smiling faces attend the event each and every year encourages us to keep up the excellent work. We work so extremely hard and plan to the last second throughout the entire year so we will be able to put on one of the biggest events held and recognized by everyone in the city of Harrisonburg and it's surrounding areas... The International Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park.</p> <p>The Festival is one of the city's most popular events with attendance of 8,900 as of last year. The International Festival deserves funding to ensure that it continues to be a signature event that represents our "Friendly City."</p>
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Kreider	The international festival	\$9,000	The festival is one of the only major annual event building on Hburg's many ethnicities. It's widely attended by citizens and non-citizens alike and builds citizen involvement in the community. Funding will demonstrate your commitment to welcoming every minority group represented, furthering our reputation as the Friendly City.
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Cindy Smoker	I would encourage the city to budget for more sidewalks, particularly along Mt Clinton Pk and Chicago Ave, and to put more money into the Northend Greenway.		
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Linda Gnagey	International festival	Unknown	Festival- encourages recognition and celebration of many cultures represented in this community
	Harrisonburg Rockingham Free Clinic		Clinic- necessary safety-net organization in our community
Jayne Docherty	International Festival	\$9,000	I could make a lot of economic arguments -- this is good for the merchants, tourism, blah, blah, blah. But instead I am going keep it simple. We call ourselves the friendly city but we are not always equally friendly to all of our residents. This festival helps us celebrate our diversity and lays the foundation for living up to our claimed name. Please support this budget item.
Nathan Barge	Harrisonburg International Festival	\$9,000.00	<p>The Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg, along with First Night and Valley Fourth.</p> <p>The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic” to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities.</p> <p>Harrisonburg Tourism has built upon and extended the Festival to promote city tourism and include a week-long CommUNITY Celebration.</p> <p>The Festival is proven, valuable enough to the local population in that they both volunteer and attend, and to local businesses in that they offer support.</p> <p>Local government funding will demonstrate solid local support to the grant-makers the Festival plans to approach.</p> <p>Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to access local immigrant communities.</p> <p>The Festival fosters civic engagement, particularly important for people who 'operate from the margins.'</p> <p>The Festival facilitates mutual understanding among Harrisonburg's diverse citizenry by celebrating the best in our cultures.</p> <p>The International Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park.</p>
David Stenson	H'burg Interanat'l Festival	not sure	This a popular event and it is an important for the city to show support for its diversity.

Ardalan Mahmood	International Festival	\$9,000	The Festival is one of the top annual events held in Harrisonburg, and it unites people from around the world and from all walks of life.
Mary Ann Kreider	Support for the International Festival so it can continue to serve our community so well.	\$9,000.00	There is a lot of operational support and time needed for the complex tasks required to pull of the international festival, including programing, logistics, communication, creativity, and public relations
Vladimir Rossoshanskiy	international Festival	\$9,000	<p>I, Vladimir Rossoshanskiy, created this festival 1998, and it has grown so much. To see it stop would be very upsetting to me and my family, whom has grown up with this annual family event. We always have fun every single year!</p> <p>The Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg, along with First Night and Valley Fourth.</p> <p>The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic”™ to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities.</p> <p>Harrisonburg Tourism has built upon and extended the Festival to promote city tourism and include a week-long COMMUNITY Celebration.</p> <p>The Festival is proven, valuable enough to the local population in that they both volunteer and attend, and to local businesses in that they offer support.</p> <p>Local government funding will demonstrate solid local support to the grant-makers the Festival plans to approach.</p> <p>Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to access local immigrant communities.</p> <p>The Festival fosters civic engagement, particularly important for people who 'operate from the margins.'</p> <p>The Festival facilitates mutual understanding among Harrisonburg's diverse citizenry by celebrating the best in our cultures.</p>
Marta Podgayskiy	International Festival	\$9,000	My father started this festival16 years ago and I have been going since I can remember. It has always been a lot of fun and I learned many things as well as met new friends and got to catch up with the old. It would be really disappointing to see a festival that has been around for 16 years and has brought in almost 9,000 visitors, to suddenly disappear! Many people would be upset. Harrisonburg and the surrounding area has such a rich culture and so much to celebrate! We need to keep this festival going for many years to come!

Elizabeth Shinaberry	International Festival	\$9,000	This festival brings the community together with the sole purpose of experiencing parts of the different cultures in our community. This event should remain part of Harrisonburg.
Janelle Myers-Benner	International Festival	9000	The Festival is an important annual event held in Harrisonburg that builds on our unique status as the
Johann Zimmermann	Financing the organization of the International Festival	think it is around \$10,000	Continue making this festival viable as one of the biggest community building events in the city.
Kristina Shindyapin	International Festival	\$10,000	<p>This Festival brings us together and showcases the amazing people groups that make up our city and make it unique from any other city in VA. We need to keep this Festival going so that more people can join and bring the city's diversity to light.</p> <p>The Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg, along with First Night and Valley Fourth.</p> <p>The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic” to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities.</p> <p>Harrisonburg Tourism has built upon and extended the Festival to promote city tourism and include a week-long CommUNITY Celebration.</p> <p>The Festival is proven, valuable enough to the local population in that they both volunteer and attend, and to local businesses in that they offer support.</p> <p>Local government funding will demonstrate solid local support to the grant-makers the Festival plans to approach.</p> <p>Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to access local immigrant communities.</p> <p>The Festival fosters civic engagement, particularly important for people who 'operate from the margins.'</p> <p>The Festival facilitates mutual understanding among Harrisonburg's diverse citizenry by celebrating the best in our cultures.</p>

Andrea Wenger	International Festival	\$9,000	I am director of marketing and communications for Eastern Mennonite University. Each year we invest as an official sponsor of the festival and numerous staff and students volunteer significant amounts of time in the event. We believe the festival is an important annual event for our community that provides a space for interaction and celebration of our diversity. We believe it is a worthwhile investment for the city to support this event, which draws visitors to the area from beyond the local community and highlights some of the distinctives of city life.
DIONISIO DETABLAN	Harrisonburg International Festival	\$9,000.00	<p>The Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg, along with First Night and Valley Fourth.</p> <p>The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic” to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities.</p> <p>Harrisonburg Tourism has built upon and extended the Festival to promote city tourism and include a week-long CommUNITY Celebration.</p> <p>The Festival is proven, valuable enough to the local population in that they both volunteer and attend, and to local businesses in that they offer support.</p> <p>Local government funding will demonstrate solid local support to the grant-makers the Festival plans to approach.</p> <p>Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to access local immigrant communities.</p> <p>The Festival fosters civic engagement, particularly important for people who 'operate from the margins.'</p> <p>The Festival facilitates mutual understanding among Harrisonburg's diverse citizenry by celebrating the best in our cultures.</p> <p>The International Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park.</p>
Jennifer Davis Sensenig	Harrisonburg International Festival	\$9,000	The international festival is a unique expression of the Friendly City celebrating the many cultures and ethnicities we enjoy in our community. As pastor of a city church, I'm proud to invite people to this event. The fact that it is family-friendly and free, especially attractive immigrants and tourists, as well as long-time area residents means that it has a broad appeal, building unity and understanding. It's also really fun!

Julie Slifer	Harrisonburg International Festival	\$9,000	<p>The Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg, along with First Night and Valley Fourth.</p> <p>The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic” to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities.</p> <p>Harrisonburg Tourism has built upon and extended the Festival to promote city tourism and include a week-long CommUNITY Celebration.</p> <p>The Festival is proven, valuable enough to the local population in that they both volunteer and attend, and to local businesses in that they offer support.</p> <p>Local government funding will demonstrate solid local support to the grant-makers the Festival plans to approach.</p> <p>Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to access local immigrant communities.</p> <p>The Festival fosters civic engagement, particularly important for people who 'operate from the margins.'</p> <p>The Festival facilitates mutual understanding among Harrisonburg's diverse citizenry by celebrating the best in our cultures.</p> <p>The International Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park.</p> <p>The Festival is one of the city's most popular events with attendance of 8,900 last year the International Festival deserves funding to ensure that it continues to be a signature event that represents our "Friendly City."</p>
M. Jane Clemens	International Festival	\$9,000.00	practical needs of setting up a festival of this size
Ray Gingerich	The International Festival	\$9,000.00	<p>I am a professsir emeritus of Peace and Justice Studies at Eastern Mennonite Univeristy. I have found the International Festival with its friendly mingling of peoples and cultures (food, costumes, artifacts of work and play, dancing and other performances) to be one of the finest ways of interconnecting the people of Harrisonburg and the surrounding area. Although I have no objective way of measuring the Festival's impact, I am convinced that it generates goodwill and cooperation in both buisness and evryday living. I love to see it growing year by year! Let's keep the movement alive!</p>

David Jost	International Festival and money for the new middle school to be highly efficient.	1. \$9000 2. Unknown	<p>The International Festival is wonderful, distinctive, and amazing. I can't believe that's all it costs the city, it's a steal.</p> <p>As for the middle school, we need to be massively more proactive about building a culture of sustainability, and schools are a great place to do that from.</p>
Karen Lee	Virginia's Artisans Trail Network startup funding. Purpose: So that Harrisonburg and Rockingham County can join our neighboring counties in benefiting economically from increased cultural tourism.	\$15,000 one-time cost. The city might share costs with county and private donors. No subsequent costs, as the project is self-sustaining via modest annual fees from featured sites after the initial investment.	<p>"ACV's Artisan Trail Network offers a unique opportunity to form strategic alliances with artisans, venues, galleries and retailers across the state, while connecting points of interest, restaurants, and accommodation locations in the related communities in order to enhance regional tourism activity." There would be a brochure, plus a gateway to our information via "Virginia is for Lovers" website. Similar projects have yielded a 25% increase in tourism revenue.</p> <p>http://www.artisanscenterofvirginia.org/artisan_trail_network</p>
Isabel Castillo	International Festival	\$9,000	The Festival is one of the city's most popular events with attendance of 8,900 last year the International Festival deserves funding to ensure that it continues to be a signature event that represents our "Friendly City."
Cheryl Fauerbach	International Festival	\$9,000	Please support the Festival! The festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg and the only one that is an outgrowth of the uniqueness of Harrisonburg's diversity. Celebrate and embrace the cultural diversity that so many see as an asset to living, shopping, working in Harrisonburg. Working to make this event happen is a way to bring together volunteers, businesses and organizations from all segments of Harrisonburg's populations working together for a common goal. The festival promotes understanding and celebrates common ground as well as the best of the contributing cultures. It puts meaning to the city's nickname, The Friendly City. The festival is a day of family fun! It is important for Harrisonburg to promote wholesome family activities that bring cultures together!!

Michael Deaton	International Festival	\$9,000	The International is one of the best things about Harrisonburg. It is a festival, an educational event, and a musical community celebration. To me it is like a holy day/holiday that I look forward to all year long. It brings people together and helps them connect and learn about each other and celebrate differences. The food and music and activities are all wonderful. And it is a good representation of who we want to be and WHO WE ARE. Harrisonburg is a city full of diversity and cool multicultural connections. The annual International Festival is the crown jewel that helps outwardly showcase it. The city should be funding this and putting their name on it. It's as simple as that. Thanks.
Bonnie Lofton	International Festival	Less than \$10,000	I used to live in the D.C., area where there was the hugely popular annual Folklife Festival sponsored by the Smithsonian. New Orleans has its Mardi Gras. Quebec City has its winter festival with huge sculptures made of ice. To me, Harrisonburg's International Festival is something that makes our small city unique, that fits with the friendly, welcoming values that make Harrisonburg such an attractive place to live. I hope you will find the means to fund it this year (and in future years, of course -- it needs to be a tradition!)
Marites Cortes	International festival	\$9,000	The Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park; it promotes collaboration among diverse group of people of different culture through volluntering their time(performing cultural dances, musics,etc),displaying artifacts from their mother land(country) and many others. We need your financial support to ensure the continuance of this eventto serve our community. Thank you...all.
Helen Miller	Schools and Education		The facilities, the programs and the teachers. There are a lot of expectations of our educators but the tools to facilitate the best results are not there. Everyone talks about how important education is but when it comes down to it the current budget does not come close to allowing the best results. Not enough teachers, not enough space, after school programs cut, teachers pay is embarrassingly low (not comparing to other schools but as an entire nation) and programs/field trips/activities that make learning fun and interesting. By the way, I am not a teacher.
Glenda Deaton	The International Festival	I don't know	With the cultural diversity in this area, it is a WONDERFUL event for all to get to interact and learn.

Candy Foster	International festival		This is the BEST city event of the year. It brings our diverse population together to celebrate Harrisonburg's melting pot of cultures. The International festival promotes peace and the celebration of cultural traditions. This event is positive, fun and educational.
Shannon Huffman	Sidewalks. There are many broken sidewalks that need fixing or do not exist.		
Ellen Jefferson	City trails	Unknown	Walkable links through city
Theresa Crissman	Harrisonburg International Festival and a crosswalk between Norwood Street and Hawkins Street across Reservoir Street for children who walk often.		

Mariah Elliott	International festival	\$9,000	<p>Here’s why we think the city should support HIF financially:</p> <p>The Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg, along with First Night and Valley Fourth.</p> <p>The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic” to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities.</p> <p>Harrisonburg Tourism has built upon and extended the Festival to promote city tourism and include a week-long CommUNITY Celebration.</p> <p>The Festival is proven, valuable enough to the local population in that they both volunteer and attend, and to local businesses in that they offer support.</p> <p>Local government funding will demonstrate solid local support to the grant-makers the Festival plans to approach.</p> <p>Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to access local immigrant communities.</p> <p>The Festival fosters civic engagement, particularly important for people who 'operate from the margins.'</p> <p>The Festival facilitates mutual understanding among Harrisonburg's diverse citizenry by celebrating the best in our cultures.</p> <p>The International Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park.</p> <p>The Festival is one of the city's most popular events with attendance of 8,900 last year the International Festival deserves funding to ensure that it continues to be a signature event that represents our "Friendly City."</p>
Lawrence Miller	International Festival	\$9,000	<p>It is one of the largest events in Harrisonburg. Harrisonburg has many ethnic minorities and this a good way for natives of the Friendly City to get to know them. There are many people that value it enough to support it and local businesses also show their support. This is a great way for local businesses to connect with the local immigrant population. It is also a good way for the folks that are newer to the valley to connect with the local residents.</p> <p>Last year the attendance was 8,900 and was one of the great events in Harrisonburg. City support will help this event continue.</p>

Brian Bolton	International Festival	\$9,000	When I first arrived in Harrisonburg four years ago, the International Festival was one of the first events I attended, and I was amazed at the beauty, talent, and wide ranging composition of Harrisonburg's population. Having worked with the US refugee resettlement program for several years, I was amazed that a medium-sized town like Harrisonburg would host a festival like this that builds goodwill, awareness, and appreciation for the many cultures and backgrounds of our residents. Keep it up!
Julia Knight	International Festival	\$9,000	The International Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg along with First Night and Valley Fourth. The Festival Is the only major annual even that encompasses the diversity of the Valley and builds on our Montra, "The Friendly City". This festival reaches Harrisonburg and also invites tourism, as it is a great attraction. That festival's local support is strong and continues to grow is evidenced by local volunteers and many business who both support and participate each year. I feel that local government support with enhance the Festival and it's ability to grow and represent Harrisonburg's diversity and friendliness. It will show the citiy's support for the festival and foster engagement by it's residents. Help us celebrate the best in our cultures and that which is Harrisonburg by supporting this event.
Ruby Friesen Zehr	International Festival	\$9,000	I attended the festival last year and was impressed by what an exuberant community event it was. H'burg is the hub of Rockingham Co--events like this remind all of us of all that we have in common and can celebrate together.
Matthew Swartzentruber	International Festival	\$9,000	<p>This Festival is one of the top three annual events held in Harrisonburg, along with First Night and Valley Fourth.</p> <p>The Festival is the only major annual event that is “organic” to Harrisonburg, building on our unique status as the Friendly City and home to dozens of ethnicities. The International Festival serves our diverse community by offering a free day of family fun at Hillandale Park. This Festival needs to be supported and is an outstanding event that supports our diversity for the Harrisonburg community!</p>

Gabriela Shanholtz	International Festival	\$9,000	1)The festival facilitates mutual understanding among Harrisonburg's diverse citizens by educating and celebrating the best in our culture. 2) The festival is one of the most popular events in Harrisonburg, promoting the city's tourism. 3) Local businesses and organizations rely on the Festival as an opportunity to reach out to the community and market their business, whether it is restaurants, goods and services. This in turn brings more revenue to the city.
Shannon Nicholson	Police / Unsightly property & nuisance regulation: Occasionally I see either gang tagging or graffiti painted along various city public and private locations. I think it would be good for not only business, but tourism, & citizens if these are quickly dealt with. How long should these criminal acts be displayed before action is taken? I've seen these "works of art" displayed for months. Example, the road sign exiting I-81 at Cracker Barrel at the fork. Just wish the city took a little more initiative in combating this. I don't live in the city but do spend time working here.		
Megan McMunn	International Festival	9000	Wonderful way to involve the community and the children in educational experience about different cultures
Pat Hostetter Martin	International Festival	\$9,000	This Festival is one city event that brings out almost everyone in our community. It highlights the diversity of Harrisonburg and makes me proud to be part of this city. Providing support for this event will only help to strengthen our sense of community and our realization that we need each other, that your well-being is bound up in my well-being.

Barbara Reeder	International Festival	\$9,000	I think this event helps to unite the many different cultures that now live together in the city. We need events that promote understanding of all the different peoples who make up this community and this is one of the biggest events in Harrisonburg that supports that cause.
RuthDae Scott	Municipal Water Supply and Sewer Collection	Unknown	Since Water and Sewer are health related issues, they should be top priority along with Police, Fire, Emergency planning.
Rebecca Deloney	Police and Fire Also...safety locks for every city classroom: http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Simple-device-could-be-key-to-survival-in-school-lockdowns-199459501.html	Unknown, but I think Staunton may have done something similar for locks for classrooms?	We have lockdown drills and substitute teachers who don't have quick ways to secure classrooms?
Heather Lantz	To provide some funding for the International Festival and to support building more bike lanes and sidewalks throughout the city.	not sure	